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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Butte Trap & Skeet Club, located on Gun Club road approximately 5 miles south of the center of Butte, Montana, proposes to install two automatic PAT trap machines with pull cords on their trap range to replace manually loaded trap machines and operators in trap houses numbers six and seven. This grant will complete the process of replacing the Club's old manual loading traps with the exception of trap house five- that is designated as a practice trap house and trap houses eight and nine- that are abandoned. The organization has applied for a grant under the Montana Shooting Range Grant Program for \$7537.50 in partial funding of the \$15,075 total cost of purchasing and installing two automatic PAT trap machines.

A review of the grant proposal has been completed. The automatic trap machines will replace manual loading trap machines, and are therefore exempt from an Environmental Assessment under MEPA (Montana Environmental Policy Act), IAW the MEPA Model Rules implemented under Title 75, chapter 1, MCA, the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) para. III...

(5) The agency is not required to prepare an EA or an EIS for the following categories of action:...(c) minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities;

This project uses no federal funds nor does it take place on state owned or controlled property: therefore, the Federal 106 Regulations and the State Antiquities' Act do not apply.

As a result of the review, funding for this proposed project is approved, pending the Butte Trap & Skeet Club's completion of other administrative requirements under the Shooting Range Grant Program. For any question or comments concerning this grant contact FWP, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620 to my attention or by e-mail kcunningham@mt.gov .

Sincerely,
Signed letter on file

Kurt Cunningham
Shooting Range Grant Coordinator